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Dear Sir:

The attached Reply is being sent at the Examiner's request. In a telephone conversation with the undersigned on March 1, 2007, Examiner Castellano informed Robert W. Diehl that the paper filed on February 6, 2007, was illegible, likely due to a transmission or scanning problem. The attached paper is a true copy of the paper filed on February 6, 2007. In the interest of time, this transmittal letter and the attached Reply copy are being mailed to Examiner Castellano at steve.castellano@uspto.gov.

Respectfully submitted,

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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY FILED
IN ACCORDANCE WITH 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.111 AND 1.112**

Dear Sir:


In response to the Office Action of November 20, 2006, please amend the above-captioned application as set forth below.

Amendments to the Claims includes amendments to Claim 1 and the cancellation of Claim 2, as set forth in the Listing of Claims, beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.

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